1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Diesel				703	1422	324	700	1654	378
Naphtha	93	147	33	252	470	104	298	699	156
Fuel Oil	295	252	55	314	304	68	277	360	89
P. Wax									
Lubes	1	4	1						
LSWR									
MTBE				22	4?	10	40	130	.29
Others									
Public Sector	1883	2658	584	3806	7126	1610	5128	12282	2778

Availability of energy sources

149. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the recent visits of the Minister to Shanghai and Almaty, have been fruitful, with regard to availability of more energy;

(b) if so, the names of the countries which are prepared to offer; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DiNSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Minister had visited Shanghai and Almaty to represent India at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit and to attend the Conference on Interaction and Confidence building measures in Asia (CICA) respectively. Agenda for the two events covered a very wide spectrum of issues including energy related issues particular to the region. There were no discussions on any specific oil and gas projects.

LNG Terminals in Tamil Nadu

150. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a huge demand for natural gas in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Government are considering to set up Liquefied Natural Gas terminals in the State of Tamil Nadu; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEbMAND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c)As of now, against an allocation of about 5.4 MMSCMD of APM gas in Tamil Nadu, the average supply is about 2.2 MMSCMD. Further, IOC has made certain gas demand estimations for the State. IOC has plans to set up an LNG terminal at Ennore in Tamil Nadu to meet the demand for natural *gas* in Tamil Madu and adjoining regions. The setting up of terminal will be subject to LNG source tie-up, commercial viability and market considerations.

Policy on retail expansion

151. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has sent out an alert to PSU Oil companies for negative growth witnessed in demand for their petroleum products, particularly diesel and other industrial fuels like naptha, fuel oil and low sulphur high-speed oil;

(b) if so, whether oil companies have also been asked to re-examine their sales strategy especially their policy on retail expansion;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the oil companies in this regard; and

(d) whether they have forwarded any detailed action plan to the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) It has come to the notice of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas that while the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) have expanded their retail outlet (RO) network in a big way after dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanism effective 1.4.2002, adequate attention has not been paid by them to improving the institutional and technological mechanisms, resulting in not only reduction in their average through put per RO but also complaints of malpractices. Further, the Standing Committee on Petroleum & Natural Gas (2005-06) (Fourteenth Lok Sabha), in their Ninth Report presented/ laid in the Parliament on 15.05.2006, expressed serious concern over the indiscriminate setting up of ROs by the OMCs and consequent reduction in the throughput per RO, coupled with a general deterioration in the performance of the ROs. The Committee, therefore, recommended